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The Midwest Symposium On Assassination Politics

JFK RFK MLK

November 22, 1963 June 5, 1968 April 4, 1968

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Dear Friend,

Good news. As some of you may know, there have been a number of promising developments since the conference in Dallas last October. George Bush signed the JFK Records Legislation Act into law on October 27th, and the favorable political climate we've lacked for the past twelve years should become a reality in 1993 with the start of the Clinton-Gore Administration - Albert Gore has been very outspoken on the JFK case.

In addition, the Assassination Archives and Research Center, in association with the Inquiry and Accountability Foundation will also be sponsoring the second annual *Midwest Symposium on Assassination Politics* next April 1-4 in Chicago. Sunday, April 4, will be the 25th anniversary of the assassination Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This event will focus on the JFK, RFK, and MLK cases, and feature lectures, panel discussions, and debates. We'll also be having a reception and dinner on Saturday evening, April 3.

Among our guest participants will be:

- Five former staff members of the 1979 House Select Committee on Assassinations - Ed Lopez, Robert Tanenbaum, Gaeton Fonzi, Andy Purdy, and Michael Goldsmith.
- Former Warren Commission assistant counsel Burt Griffin, who investigated Jack Ruby's activities.
- Authors Anthony Summers (in from Ireland), Josiah Thompson, Robert Morrow, Peter Dale Scott, and Philip Melanson, and researchers Jim Lesar and Paul Hoch.

More good news. To make this event as affordable as possible, the Bismarck Hotel has agreed to set aside a large block of rooms for our attendees at discounted rates. Single occupancy rooms will be only $58/night, double occupancy rooms will be $69/night, and triples will be $80/night.

The back page of the enclosed conference preview will explain how the proceeds from this event will be used. Those of you who choose to register will receive a conference packet that includes an 8-page program, a name badge, and other relevant material.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Carlson
Director, Planning Committee

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MIDWEST SYMPOSIUM on ASSASSINATION POLITICS

State of Illinois Center, Chicago, April 1-4, 1993

There is cause for hope as we approach the 30th anniversary of the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and the 25th anniversaries of the murders of Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The eventual release of the JFK records from the 1979 House Select Committee on Assassinations hearings is now a certainty, and for the first time in twelve years, we'll have a White House Administration that *should* be sympathetic to our cause.

Now that George Bush has signed the JFK records legislation, he has until January 20 to appoint a 5-member review board to screen the HSCA documents for release. His appointments must then be submitted to the Senate for confirmation. If the Senate fails to ratify his recommendations, he'll have 30 days to propose a revised list of appointees.

In any event, the release of this information should begin sometime in 1993. This, and a favorable political climate could lay the groundwork for another official inquiry into the case. Vice President Albert Gore is already on record as saying he believes JFK was murdered as a result of a conspiracy, and consequently, has also supported the release of the HSCA files.

A more favorable political climate should also breath new life into the Robert Kennedy case. Perhaps sensing this, a group of former law enforcement officials, politicians, and celebrities earlier this year called for a grand jury investigation into alleged willful misconduct by the Los Angeles Police Department in the handling of the investigation into the murder of RFK. Thwarted by election year politics in late '79 and '80, the inquiry into the murder of Dr. King also stands to be renewed, given some funding and grass roots support.

On the other hand, we seemed to be mired in "a revival of assassination lore." Oliver Stone's movie "JFK" has injected new life into the assassination argument, apparently at the expense of our political awareness. As we enjoyed renewed debate in the wake of the movie, the House and Senate Committees drafting the JFK Records Legislation Act were busy building clauses into the bill which

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Dates

- Thursday, April 1, 1993
- Friday, April 2
- Saturday, April 3
- Sunday, April 4 - the 25th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's murder

Place

- State of Illinois Center
  LaSalle & Lake St.
  Chicago, Illinois
  Lower level, behind the waterfall
- Site for Saturday evening dinner to be announced January 1

Activities

- Lectures
- Workshops
- Panel Discussions
- Debates
- Press Conference
- Reception and Dinner

Sponsors

- Assassination Archives and Research Center
- Inquiry & Accountability Foundation

Registration Fees

- $115 on or before February 27
- $150 after February 27
- $50 for Promotional Tables

Hotel Accommodations

The Bismarck Hotel (One Block Away)

- Single Occupancy Rooms - $58/Night
- Double Occupancy Rooms - $69/Night
- Triple Occupancy Rooms - $80/Night

Add 14.9% Occupancy Tax.

*Guest Speakers** In Alphabetical Order

Rev. James L. Bevel
Former strategist and aide to Martin Luther King present at the time of the MLK's assassination in Memphis.

John H. Davis
Author of *Mafia Kingfish* and the *Kennedys: Dynasty and Disaster*; expert on organized crime's role in the JFK case.

James A. DiEugenio
Author of *Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba & the Garrison Case* - the most recent examination of the Jim Garrison case.

Roger B. Feinman, J.D.
Former employee at CBS News and expert on media bias, medical evidence and FOIA research in the JFK case.

Gaeton J. Fonzi
Journalist and former HSCA staff investigator; wrote and edited a major appendix for the HSCA's final report.

Michael Goldsmith, J.D.
Former HSCA staff counsel who investigated intelligence links in the JFK case.

Judge Burt W. Griffin
Former Warren Commission assistant counsel who investigated Jack Ruby's activities.

Lawrence W. Haapanen, Ph.D.
Professor of college courses on the JFK assassination; expert on intelligence links in the JFK case.

Paul L. Hoch, Ph.D.
Co-editor of *The Assassinations: Dallas and Beyond* and author of the *Echoes of Conspiracy* newsletter.

John Judge
Co-founder of the Committee for an Open Archive; expert on the secret history of U.S. intelligence agencies.

Robert Blair Kaiser
Former New York Times reporter and Time Magazine correspondent; author of the new book *RFK Must Die*.

James H. Lesar, J.D.
President, Assassination Archives & Research Center; regarded as one of the top FOIA lawyers in the U.S.

David S. Lifton
Author of *Best Evidence*; expert on medical evidence in the JFK case and the activities of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Edwin J. Lopez, J.D.
Former HSCA staff investigator; compiled 375-page report on the activities of Oswald in Mexico City.

Philip H. Melanson, Ph.D.
Author of *The Politics of Proiection, The Inquiry into the Assassination of MLK*, and *The RFK Assassination*.

Robert Morrow
Former CIA agent and author of *First Hand Knowledge*; the first person to claim a role in the JFK assassination.

HOST & MODERATOR: Jack Gordon, Ph.D.
AARC and IAF board member; has taught college courses on American political assassinations.

John M. Newman, Ph.D.
Author of *JFK and Vietnam;* expert on the Vietnam War and East Asian history.

Carl Oglesby
Author of *The JFK Assassination, Who Killed JFK?*, and *The Yankee and Cowboy War*.

Jerry Policoff
Expert on media coverage of the JFK case.

Andy Purdy, J.D.
Former CBS News producer and HSCA staff counsel who investigated medical evidence in the JFK case.

Jane Rusconi
Research Coordinator for the movies "*JFK*" and "*Marina's Story*;" editor of *JFK: the Book of the Film*.

Dick Russell
Author of *The Man Who Knew Too Much*; expert on intelligence links in the JFK case.

Gus Russo
Advisor on Jack Anderson's "*Who Shot JFK*" and Oliver Stone's "*JFK*"; now writing book on the JFK case.

David E. Scheim, Ph.D.
Author of *Contract on America*; expert on the role of organized crime in the assassination of JFK.

Peter Dale Scott, Ph.D.
Author of *Crime & Cover-up* and *The Politics of Escalation in Vietnam*; expert on CIA activities and the Vietnam War.

Wayne S. Smith, Ph.D.
Expert on U.S. - Cuba relations; now writing book titled *The Kennedy Assassination and the Failure of the Fourth Estate*.

Anthony Summers
Producer of the movie "*The Plot to Kill the President*" and author of *Conspiracy*.

Robert Tanenbaum, J.D.
Former HSCA deputy chief counsel who assisted Richard Sprague in organizing hearings.

Josiah Thompson, Ph.D.
Author of *Six Seconds in Dallas*; expert on Dealey Plaza evidence and the Zapruder film.

William Turner
Author of *The Assassination of RFK: the Conspiracy & Coverup* and co-author of the new book *Deadly Secrets*.

Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.
Forensic pathologist; first to discover JFK's brain was missing from the National Archives in 1966.

Thomas W. Wilson
Expert on image processing; will demonstrate how technology can be used to analyze photographic evidence.

Gordon Winslow
Historian, archivist and expert on exiled Cuban groups.

* Additional speakers announced January 1. To minimize the risk of cancellations, all guest speakers are being provided with advance round trip airfare and lodging expenses for 2 days. Sponsors reserve the right to substitute speakers as conditions warrant.

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may eventually limit the prospects for full and prompt disclosure of assassination records . . . . without any significant threat of organized political opposition from the independent research community.

Sunday, April 4, 1993 will be the 25th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

At a time of renewed interest in the political violence of the 60's, this conference is an attempt to broaden the traditional assassination argument to include a review of the political means we must all work within to further our cause. A cause that must constantly battle the effects of *assassination politics: the governmental, economic, cultural and media influences which shape the conduct and confusions of public and private inquiries into major acts of political violence.*

The Proceeds from this event will be donated to the *Assassination Archives and Research Center (AARC)* and the *Inquiry and Accountability Foundation (IAF)*. The release of the HSCA files will swell the AARC's workload. Consequently, administrative help will be needed to review, index, duplicate, and store 1-2 million pages of information that did not find its way into the published volumes of the HSCA's final report.

In addition to funding the AARC's new administrative tasks, the proceeds will be used to bolster investigative research and legal initiatives into the murder of Robert F. Kennedy in hope of prompting an official reopening of the case. The IAF needs money to monitor a LA grand jury as it conducts its investigation, obtain affidavits from new credible witnesses, apply the latest law enforcement technology to ballistics and acoustical tests, and find the mystery man thought by experts to be a second gunman in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 5, 1968.

To register:

1. Copy and complete form at right.
2. Make check payable to "1993 Conference."
3. Indicate credit card number and expiration date if check is not used.
4. Mail to:

   1993 Conference
   P.O. Box 1570
   Highland, Indiana 46322
   (708) 241-3712

To make hotel reservations:

1. Call the Bismarck Hotel at 1-800-643-1500.
2. Identify yourself as an attendee of the *Midwest Symposium* on April 1-4.

All major credit cards accepted. Reservations granted after March 15 based on availability only.

My enclosed payment covers registration fees for ____ persons.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Name of Credit Card: _____

Card Number & Expiration Date: _____

I'd like a promotional table for an additional $50. __ (check off)

I plan to use the table to sell the following items: _____

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All registrants will be mailed a conference packet that includes a program, a name badge, and a guide to metropolitan Chicago. Requests for promotional tables are subject to approval. Video equipment will not be admitted without prior written authorization. Write to the address at the left to request permission to admit video gear, or to obtain a free program that provides a schedule of activities, the names of additional speakers, and more background information on the purpose of this event.